



# Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust Westminster Programme 2012

The Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust (NIABT) works to forge links with, and promote the exchange of knowledge and information between local businesses and parliamentarians here and further afield in Westminster and Europe.

Westminster has responsibility for matters not yet devolved to the Northern Ireland Assembly. Such issues, commonly referred to as Reserved Matters, include responsibility for setting the national minimum wage and the administration of fiscal policy, all of which have relevance to the economy of Northern Ireland.

The Westminster Programme will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the role of Westminster through a series of presentations and engagement with local MPs, lobby groups and representatives from the House of Lords.

The NIABT has been working with colleagues in Westminster to develop a comprehensive programme for NIABT business members and MLAs. The 2012 Westminster Programme will take place from **24 October to 25 October 2012**.

For provisional details of the programme and how to register please see below.

## Programme Outline (subject to change)

- Overview of Legislative process
- Overview of Committee process
- Meeting with representatives from the House of Commons
- Prime Minister's Question Time
- NI Affairs Committee

- Seminar on lobbying at Westminster
- Tour of Westminster
- Meeting with representatives from the House of Lords
- Tour of House of Lords

## How to apply

Please note places are strictly limited and registration is accepted on a first come first served basis. The deadline for registration is 12 September 2012.

The full cost of the programme is £250 per person.

Please provide your full name as it appears on your passport, address, company name, passport number, nationality and mobile telephone number. Please also include a 60 word personal biography.

The costs cover the price of travel, accommodation and meals.

Payment can be made by cheque to the address below or by BACS to:

**Account Name:** NIABT  
**Sort Code:** 95-01-28  
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